

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) A mine support according to claim 16 wherein the first interior portion is adjacent the second interior portion.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A mine support according to claim 16 wherein the first interior portion has a length in an axial direction of the sleeve of from 70% to 90% of the axial length of the sleeve.

5. (Currently amended) A mine support according to claims 16 wherein the ~~first interior portion~~ remainder of the sleeve interior has a length in an axial direction of the sleeve of from 10% to 30% of the axial length of the sleeve.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A mine support according to claim 16 wherein the density of the first material lies in the range of from 1000 to 1100kg/m³.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A mine support according to claim 8 wherein the density of the second material lies in the range of from 800 to 900kg/m³.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A mine support according to claim 16 wherein the sleeve is made from mild steel with a thickness in the range of from 1,6mm to 3,0mm.

14. (Previously Presented) A mine support according to of claims 16 wherein the sleeve has an axial length in the range of from 1,5m to 4,5m and a diameter in the range of from 150mm to 600mm.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A mine support comprising:

a deformable tubular sleeve made from a ductile metal,

a first aerated cementitious material with a first strength characteristic inside a first interior portion of the sleeve and filling said first interior portion of the sleeve; and

a second aerated cementitious material with a second strength characteristic which differs from the first strength characteristic inside a remainder of the sleeve interior and filling said remainder of the sleeve interior;

the first interior portion having a length, in an axial direction of the sleeve, which is greater than the length of the remainder of the sleeve interior in the axial direction of the sleeve and wherein, in use, one aerated cementitious material overlies the other aerated cementitious material.